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For:	ATTACHMENT DEVICE TO	)	
	ATTACH A PUMP OR VALVE	)	
	ONTO A RECIPIENT NECK	)	
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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IN THE ABSTRACT

Please enter the new Abstract which is printed as a separate sheet as new page 12 of the application. This Abstract is supported by the specification and claims, and replaces the original Abstract.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 4, line 1, delete "or 3".

Claim 5, line 1, delete "or 3".

Claim 6, line 1, delete "or 3".

Claim 7, line 1, delete "any of claims 2 to 6" and insert --claim 2--.

Claim 8, line 1, delete "any of the above claims" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 14, line 1, delete "or 13".

Claim 15, line 1, delete "any of claims 10 to 14" and insert --claim 10--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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--TECHNICAL FIELD--

Page 1, line 5, after "recipient." please insert

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

Page 1, after line 28, please insert

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

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--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

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--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT--

REMARKS

The Amendments

The amendments to the application have been made for the purpose of removing multiple dependencies from the claims, to set forth headings in the specification, and to conform the Abstract with U.S. practice.

The Applicants believe that these amendments are fully supported by the application and do not believe that these amendments constitute new matter.

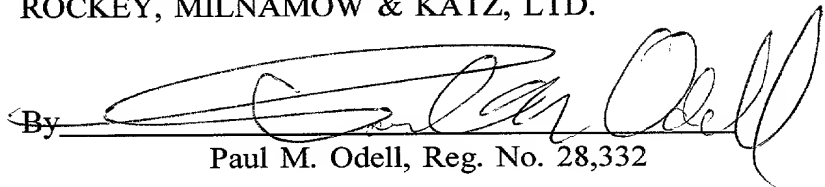
Conclusion

The Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. It is urged that the subject application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. If any

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ABSTRACT

An attachment device is provided to attach a distribution device, such as a pump or a valve, onto a neck of a recipient. The attachment device comprises a ring forming a skirt equipped with an attachment structure, such as clip-on heads, designed to co-operate with the neck of the recipient. A reception structure is provided to receive the distribution device. An annular plate extends radially inwards from the skirt. The plate comprises a lower surface designed to be pressed against the upper end of the neck, with an inserted seal if required. The plate can be moved axially upwards to remove the attachment structure by pressing on the upper end of the neck.